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S E C R E T JIDDA 0587

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SA, US, BA, MASS  
SUBJECT: SAG MINDEF SULTAN'S VIEWS ON ARMS FOR BAHRAIN

1. DURING A MEETING IN RIYADH WITH AMB PORTER ON JAN 19, SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMOR OF POSSIBLE UPCOMING BAHRAIN REQUEST FOR U.S. ARMS. SULTAN STATED THAT THE SAG WAS NOT AGAINST THE SUPPLY OF SMALL ARMS, AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS COMPARABLE TO OERLIKON, OR LIGHT VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR MAINTAINING INTERNAL SECURITY. HOWEVER, THE SAG OPPOSED THE SALE OF ANY HEAVY WEAPONS TO GOB AND THOUGHT SUCH MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT ON THE ITEMS TO IMPROVE SOCIAL WELFARE, SUCH AS HOSPITALS.

2. AMB PORTER INDICATED HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY ARMS PROPOSAL BY GOB AND THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH SAG IF THE MATTER COMES TO HIS ATTENTION.

3. COMMENT: SULTAN'S WAS RATHER VEHEMENT IN STATING HIS VIEW THAT BAHRAIN SHOULD NOT BE SENT ANY HEAVY WEAPONS. MINDEF MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THE RECENT GOB REQUEST FOR A HELICOPTER SURVEY TEAM OR TO THE GOB PRIME MINISTER'S FEELER FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS A CONDITION FOR CONTINUED MIDEASTFOR PRESENCE.

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4. DOES DEPT HAVE INFO ON THIS SUBJECT?  
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